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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 393**

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Committee: Transportation

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,288,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
- 3 provisions relating to cranes; and to repeal the original
- 4 section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. Section 60-6,288, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3                   60-6,288. (1) No vehicle which exceeds a total outside  
4 width of one hundred two inches, including any load but excluding  
5 designated safety devices, shall be permitted on any portion of the  
6 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The  
7 Director-State Engineer shall adopt and promulgate rules and  
8 regulations, consistent with federal requirements, designating  
9 safety devices which shall be excluded in determining vehicle  
10 width.

11                   (2) No vehicle which exceeds a total outside width of one  
12 hundred two inches, including any load but excluding designated  
13 safety devices, shall be permitted on any highway which is not a  
14 portion of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways,  
15 except that such prohibition shall not apply to:

16                   (a) Farm equipment in temporary movement, during daylight  
17 hours or during hours of darkness when the clearance light  
18 requirements of section 60-6,235 are fully complied with, in the  
19 normal course of farm operations;

20                   (b) Combines eighteen feet or less in width, while in the  
21 normal course of farm operations and while being driven during  
22 daylight hours or during hours of darkness when the clearance light  
23 requirements of section 60-6,235 are fully complied with;

24                   (c) Combines in excess of eighteen feet in width, while  
25 in the normal course of farm operations, while being driven during  
26 daylight hours for distances of twenty-five miles or less on  
27 highways and while preceded by a well-lighted pilot vehicle or  
28 flagperson, except that such combines may be driven on highways

1 while in the normal course of farm operations for distances of  
2 twenty-five miles or less and while preceded by a well-lighted  
3 pilot vehicle or flagperson during hours of darkness when the  
4 clearance light requirements of section 60-6,235 are fully complied  
5 with;

6 (d) Combines and vehicles used in transporting combines,  
7 and only when transporting combines, to be engaged in harvesting,  
8 while being transported into or through the state during daylight  
9 hours, when the total width including the width of the combine  
10 being transported does not exceed fifteen feet, except that  
11 vehicles used in transporting combines may, when necessary to the  
12 harvesting operation, travel unloaded for distances not to exceed  
13 twenty-five miles, while the combine to be transported is engaged  
14 in a harvesting operation;

15 (e) Farm equipment dealers hauling, driving, delivering,  
16 or picking up farm equipment, including portable livestock  
17 buildings not exceeding fourteen feet in width, or implements of  
18 husbandry during daylight hours;

19 (f) Alfalfa harvesting machinery in temporary movement  
20 during daylight hours and hours of darkness when (i) the clearance  
21 light requirements of section 60-6,235 are fully complied with,  
22 (ii) there is, on the front vehicle and above the line of the  
23 regular lights of such vehicle, a flashing, amber-colored light at  
24 least four inches in diameter and clearly visible to traffic  
25 approaching from any direction, and (iii) there is a well-lighted  
26 pilot vehicle or flagperson at least three hundred feet in advance  
27 of such vehicles to give warning of the approach of overwidth  
28 equipment, and such prohibition shall not apply to equipment of

1 thirteen feet or less in width to be used in highway or other  
2 public construction or in agricultural land treatment in temporary  
3 movement during daylight hours on roads other than  
4 dustless-surfaced state highways and for necessary access to points  
5 on such highways;

6 (g) Livestock forage vehicles loaded or unloaded that  
7 comply with subsection (2) of section 60-6,305;

8 (h) During daylight hours only, vehicles en route to pick  
9 up, delivering, or returning unloaded from delivery of baled  
10 livestock forage which, including the load if any, may be twelve  
11 feet in width;

12 (i) Mobile homes or prefabricated livestock buildings not  
13 exceeding sixteen feet in width and with an outside tire width  
14 dimension not exceeding one hundred twenty inches moving during  
15 daylight hours;

16 (j) A rubber-tired crane with a fixed load when:

17 (i) The crane will be transported on a state highway,  
18 excluding any portion of the National System of Interstate and  
19 Defense Highways, on a city street, or on a road within the  
20 corporate limits of a city;

21 (ii) The city in which the crane is intended to be  
22 transported has authorized a ~~one-day~~ an oversized permit for  
23 the transportation of the crane, specifying the route to be used  
24 and the hours during which the crane can be transported, except  
25 that no permit shall be issued by a city for travel on a state  
26 highway containing a bridge or structure which is structurally  
27 inadequate to carry the crane as determined by the Department of  
28 Roads;

1           (iii) ~~The crane will be escorted by another vehicle or~~  
2 ~~vehicles assigned by the city,~~

3           ~~(iv)~~ The crane's gross weight does not exceed ninety-four  
4 thousand pounds, if a four-axle crane, or seventy-two thousand  
5 pounds, if a three-axle crane; and

6           ~~(v)~~ (iv) If a four-axle crane, the maximum weight on each  
7 set of tandem axles does not exceed forty-seven thousand pounds, or  
8 if a three-axle crane, the maximum weight on the front axle does  
9 not exceed twenty-five thousand pounds and the total maximum weight  
10 on the rear tandem axles does not exceed forty-seven thousand  
11 pounds; or

12           (k) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to  
13 section 60-6,299.

14           (3) The Director-State Engineer, with respect to highways  
15 under his or her jurisdiction, may designate certain highways upon  
16 which vehicles of no more than ninety-six inches in width may be  
17 permitted to travel. Highways so designated shall be limited to  
18 one or more of the following:

19           (a) Highways with traffic lanes of ten feet or less;

20           (b) Highways upon which are located narrow bridges; and

21           (c) Highways which because of sight distance, surfacing,  
22 unusual curves, topographic conditions, or other unusual  
23 circumstances would not in the opinion of the Director-State  
24 Engineer safely accommodate vehicles of more than ninety-six inches  
25 in width.

26           Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,288, Reissue Revised  
27 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.